



Protecting our Investment in Wildlife Diversity

New Tools for Wildlife Habitat Management on Public and Private Lands

8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., October 24, 2015

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Field Headquarters, Westborough, MA

- 8:00 A.M. **Registration, Coffee, and Visit Partner Displays**
Sponsored by the Massachusetts Outdoor Heritage Foundation
- 9:00 A.M. **Welcome**
Jack Buckley, Director, Division of Fisheries & Wildlife
George Peterson, Commissioner, Department of Fish & Game
Steve Sears, President of the Board of Directors, MA Outdoor Heritage Foundation
- 9:15 A.M. **A New Vision and Tools for Managing Our Natural Landscape in Massachusetts**
Matthew Beaton, Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs
- 9:35 A.M. **What's at Stake? - Landscape Habitat Goals for Massachusetts & Key Sites for Management**
John Scanlon, DFW Habitat Program Supervisor
Dr. Jonathan Regosin, Chief of Conservation Science, DFW Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program
- 10:00 A.M. **Habitat Management Testimonials: Private Lands and Town Forest Lands**
- 10:30 A.M. **Break & Visit Partner Displays (see below)**
- 11:00 A.M. **What Does the Science Say? - Wildlife Habitat Research in Massachusetts**
Dr. David I. King, U.S. Forest Service Northeast Research Station, UMass, Amherst
- 11:25 A.M. **How Do We Make Habitat Happen? - The Massachusetts Keystone Program: A Grassroots Effort to Provide Habitat Education and Habitat Enhancement on Town and Private Conservation Lands**
Paul Catanzaro, Extension Asst. Professor, UMass Amherst
- 11:50 A.M. **Morning Wrap-up**
Jack Buckley, Director, Division of Fisheries & Wildlife
- 12:00 P.M. **Lunch**
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- 1:00 P.M. **Facilitating EEA MassWildlife Habitat Management Grants for Town & Private Conservation Lands**
John OLeary, Assistant Director for Wildlife, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
- 1:30 P.M. **Concurrent Technical Sessions**
1A: Case Studies for Successful Habitat Management on Town & Land Trust Lands:
Panel Discussion and Lessons Learned

1B: Best Management Practices and Case Studies for Controlling Invasive Species on
Conservation Lands
- 2:30 P.M. **Break & Visit Partner Displays (see below)**
- 2:45 P.M. **Concurrent Technical Sessions, Continued**
2A: Habitat Management Operations on Private Conservation Lands: Case Studies
and Panel Discussion

2B: Prescribed Fire and Habitat Management for Rare Species, Declining Species,
and Traditional Game Species

2C: Funding Opportunities for Planning & Implementation of Land Management
Projects
- 3:45 P.M. **Closing and Adjourn**
Jack Buckley, Director, Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Partner Displays:

Massachusetts Chapter of The National Wild Turkey Federation
Massachusetts Chapter of The Ruffed Grouse Society
Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Forest Stewardship Program
Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation and MassWildlife, Linking Landscapes
Massachusetts Forest Alliance
Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition
Massachusetts Outdoor Heritage Foundation
MassAudubon, Foresters for the Birds Program
US Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Program
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service